

Global Immigration alert

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India

India suspends all visa services and Indian visas issued to Pakistani nationals

Executive summary

The government of India has suspended all visa services and revoked all existing visas issued to Pakistani nationals. The government also announced travel advisories for Indian nationals, following the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, a town in Jammu and Kashmir.

Key developments

On 24 April 2025, India announced additional measures impacting Pakistani nationals. A day earlier, India suspended the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Visa Exemption Scheme (SVES) for Pakistani nationals and downsized the strength of the High Commissions.

India has additionally suspended all visa services for Pakistani nationals with immediate effect. All existing valid visas issued by India to Pakistani nationals will be revoked with effect from 27 April 2025 and medical visas issued to Pakistani nationals will now be valid only until 29 April 2025. All Pakistani nationals currently staying in India must leave India before the amended expiry of their visas.

India has also issued the following travel advisory to Indian nationals:

- Indian nationals are strongly advised to avoid traveling to Pakistan.
- Indian nationals currently in Pakistan are also advised to return to India at the earliest.

Impact on employers

These developments reflect intensifying ongoing tensions and security challenges in the region and affect companies in India that employ Pakistani nationals. Employers may remain informed regarding the ongoing situation.

Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.



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